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SUBJECT: DJIBOUTI: SECTION 1206 PROPOSAL FINAL COORDINATION

REF: A. 07 STATE 84130 (NOTAL)

[1](#)B. 07 STATE 166166 (NOTAL)

Classified By: AMBASSADOR W. STUART SYMINGTON. REASONS: 1.4 (A), (D).

[1](#)1. (C) Chief of Mission fully supports the FY 2008 Section 1206 funding request for military assistance to the Armed Forces of Djibouti (FAD), i.e., proposal for a Djibouti Counterterrorism Communications Package (CCP).

[1](#)2. (C) During recent consultations with USCENTCOM CDR, senior principals of the Government of Djibouti expressed their strong desire to improve Djibouti's command, control, and communications capabilities by obtaining tactical radio systems. Djibouti's strategic location--bordering Eritrea, Ethiopia, and Somalia, as well as the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea--makes it a vital partner in the global war on terror. This key equipment for the FAD will enhance Djibouti's ability to interdict terrorists and participate in regional or multilateral peacekeeping activities.

[1](#)3. (C) Djibouti is among the region's strongest supporters of U.S. counterterrorism efforts. Djibouti also hosts the Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa (CJTF-HOA) at Camp Lemonier, the only U.S. military base in sub-Saharan Africa. Improvements in the FAD's capabilities will therefore result in greater force protection for U.S. and coalition forces.

[1](#)4. (U) This proposal has Embassy Djibouti's complete support and fully conforms to mission-wide USG objectives in Djibouti and the Horn of Africa.  
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